TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION, 1101.

Tuesday, the 10th August 1926|the 26th Karkatakam 1101.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council reassembled at eleven thirty-five of the clock, Mr. V. Subba Aiyar, B. A., B. L., Deputy President, presiding. All except the following members were present: Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai and Mr. S. Subrahmanya Karayalar.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Enhancement of Tariff and Export Duty.

74. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in each of the successive years, 1096 to 1100, the prices of toddy, arrack, opium and *ganja*, and the duties on the export commodities have been raised by the Excise Department?

(*b*) If so, on what commodities and at what rates have they been raised in each year?

(*c*) By how many rupees has the income of the Excise Department risen annually by enhancing the tariff rates and the export duty?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) It is not clear what the member means by "prices of toddy, arrack, opium and *ganja*". The selling price of these articles in the shops except that of toddy is not controlled by the department; but in the case of toddy, a minimum price, per gallon, below which the shop-keepers cannot sell, is fixed and incorporated in the conditions of the license. If what is wanted is information regarding the increase in the rates of tree tax, duty on arrack and issue price of opium and *ganja*, statements * containing the information are laid on the table.

As regards export duty, the rate of export duty has not been increased in the case of any article. The tariff values of some of the articles were revised during the period. A statement† showing the revision is laid on the table.

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* *Vide* Appendices I A and I B-page 239. † *Vide* Appendix I C—page 239.

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[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*c*) The information is furnished below :

Year.	*Increase.* Rs.
1096	45,872
1097	82,157
1098	99,668
1099	1,50,913
1100	1,78,414

Markets for Lace.

75. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state if efforts have been made to find out new markets for lace locally produced ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. The Director of Industries is making efforts to find out new markets for locally manufactured lace in Germany, France and Italy. The Madras Government are likewise investigating the possibilities of finding market overseas and the results of their investigation are awaited as the scope of their investigation extended to Travancore also.

Transfers and Promotions of Headmasters of English High Schools to Colleges.

76. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Headmasters of English High Schools who have been promoted or transferred to colleges as Professors, Lecturers, Tutors or Demonstrators, during the last three years (1098-1100) ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : One.

Men Teachers in Girls' Schools.

77. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Vernacular High Schools for girls having men in their teaching staff at present ; and

(*b*) the number of such teachers ?

MR. K GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) There is only one Vernacular High School for girls in the State and there are 4 men teachers in it.

Amount spent on the Clerical Staff in the Public Service.

78. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what proportion of the salaries paid to Government servants in the year 1100 was spent on the clerical staff ?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : In the year 1100, a sum of Rs. 23,54,254 was spent on salaries

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Appendix 1 A.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 74.**

I. Statement showing the rates of tree tax and duty on jaggery arrack and toddy arrack from 1096 to 1101.

	1096-1097. Rs. as. p.	1098-1099. Rs. as. p.	1100-1101. Rs. as. p.
1. Rate of tree tax per half-year.			
Palmyra ...	1 4 0	1 12 0	1 12 0
Cocoanut ...	2 8 0	3 0 0	3 0 0
Choondapana ...	4 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0
2. Duty per proof gallon.			
Jaggery arrack ...	3 12 0	3 12 0	4 0 0
Toddy arrack ...	6 4 0	6 14 0	8 9 6

Appendix I B.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 74.**

II. Statement showing the issue price of opium and ganja.

			Opium. Rs. as. p.	Ganja. Rs. as. p.
Up to 18th Minam	1096	...	52 0 0	23 8 0
From 19th Minam to 18th Minam	1096 1097	...	62 8 0	26 0 0
From 19th Minam to 18th Minam	1097 1098	...	65 8 0	26 0 0
From 19th Minam to 18th Minam	1098 1100	...	72 0 0	26 0 0
From 19th Minam	1100	...	76 8 0	26 0 0

Appendix I C.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 74.**

III. Statement showing the revision of tariff values on certain articles of export.

Year.	*Names of articles.*	*Tariff value revised* From Bh. Rs.	To Bh. Rs.	
1096	1. Fish other than prawns	3	10	per cwt.
	2. Prawns	3	25	do.
	3. Tamarind	$2\frac{1}{2}$	12	do.
1097	1. Firewood	14	18	per ton.
	2. Charcoal	28	42	do.
	3. Laurel oil	8	20	per cwt.
1098	1. Dry ginger	15	$37\frac{1}{2}$	do.
	2. Green ginger	10	25	do.
1100	Turmeric	7	15	do.

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